

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Currently Amended) The sealable bag of claim 4[[1]], wherein said one or more sections of substantially airtight material joined together in a substantially airtight manner comprises opposing substantially rectangular panel sections wherein three sets of sides of the rectangular panel sections are sealed in a substantially airtight manner leaving the fourth set of sides unsealed and defining said unsectioned opening.
3. (Cancelled)
4. (Currently Amended) ~~The sealable bag of claim 1~~ A sealable bag comprising:
a pouch defined by one or more sections of substantially airtight material joined together in a substantially airtight manner such that an unsectioned opening having at least one end is left for accessing said pouch;
a substantially airtight sealing system in association with said unsectioned opening;
and
a blocking structure attached to said sections of substantially airtight material near said unsectioned opening proximate to said end;
wherein said substantially airtight sealing system is an interlocking tongue and groove system and said blocking structure is a tab-like spacer comprising a first end and a second end, said first end attached to one of said sections of substantially airtight material at said unsectioned opening such that said second end is capable of placement in said unsectioned opening.

5. (Currently Amended) ~~The sealable bag of claim 1~~ A sealable bag comprising:
a pouch defined by one or more sections of substantially airtight material joined
together in a substantially airtight manner such that an unsectioned opening having at least
one end is left for accessing said pouch;
a substantially airtight sealing system in association with said unsectioned opening;
and
a blocking structure attached to said sections of substantially airtight material near
said unsectioned opening proximate to said end;
wherein said substantially airtight sealing system is an interlocking tongue and groove
system and said blocking structure is a generally thin and elongated spacer comprising a first
end and a second end, said first end attached to one or more of said sections of substantially
airtight material near said unsectioned opening such that said second end may be inserted in
said unsectioned opening.

6. (Currently Amended) The sealable bag of claim 4[[1]], wherein said blocking
structure is a spacer suitable for frictionable attachment, having an obstructing portion, and
attached to one or more of said sections of substantially airtight material near said
unsectioned opening such that said obstructing portion is placeable in said unsectioned
opening.

7-10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently Amended) The sealable bag of claim 4[[3]], wherein said
interlocking tongue and groove system is molded integrally with said sections of substantially
airtight material.

12. (Original) The sealable bag of claim 4, wherein said spacer is removably
attached.

13. (Original) The sealable bag of claim 5, wherein said spacer is removably
attached.

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Currently Amended) The sealable bag of claim 4[[10]], wherein said interlocking tongue and groove system is affixed parallel to the edges of said fourth unsealed sides in close proximity to said unsectioned opening.

17-19. (Cancelled)

20. (Currently Amended) The sealable bag of claim 4[[10]], wherein said interlocking tongue and groove system is affixed to the edges of said fourth unsealed sides.

21. (Cancelled)

22. (Cancelled)

23. (Currently Amended) The sealable bag of claim [[16]]4, wherein said blocking structure is suitable for frictionable attachment, having an obstructing portion, and attached at or about the intersection of one of said three sets of sides and said ~~forth~~ fourth set of sides such that said obstructing portion is placeable in said unsectioned opening.

24. (Currently Amended) The sealable bag of claim 4[[21]], wherein said spacer is removably attached.

25. (Currently Amended) The sealable bag of claim 5[[22]], wherein said spacer is removably attached.

26. (Currently Amended) An evacuation system for a sealable bag comprising:
a substantially airtight bag with at least one continuous opening;

a substantially airtight sealing system affixed to said bag for sealing said opening wherein said substantially airtight sealing system has at least one substantially permanently sealed end; and,

a spacer attached to said bag near said opening at the substantially permanently sealed end of said substantially airtight sealing system, said spacer having at least one end, said end capable of temporary placement in said opening such that said substantially airtight sealing system is prevented from completely sealing.

27. (Original) The evacuation system of claim 26, wherein said spacer is removably attached.

28. (Original) The evacuation system of claim 27, wherein said substantially airtight sealing system is an interlocking tongue and groove system.

29. (Original) The evacuation system of claim 28, wherein said substantially airtight bag has only one continuous opening.

30. (Currently Amended) An improvement to a sealable bag with a single, undivided opening having at least one end comprising a blocking structure functionally attached to said sealable bag at said one end of said single, undivided opening.

31. (Original) The improvement of claim 30, wherein said blocking structure is a spacer.

32. (Original) The improvement of claim 30, wherein said blocking structure is a spacer functionally attached by integral molding.

33. (Withdrawn) The improvement of claim 31, wherein:
said spacer is cylindrically-shaped with a first end and a second end; and,
said first end includes the point or points of attachment.

34. (Original) The improvement of claim 31, wherein:
said spacer is tab-shaped with a first end and a second end; and,
said first end includes the point or points of attachment.
35. (Original) The improvement of claim 33, wherein said spacer is removably attached.
36. (Original) The improvement of claim 34, wherein said spacer is removably attached.
37. (Withdrawn) A sealable bag comprising:
a pouch defined by one or more sections of substantially airtight material joined together in a substantially airtight manner such that an unsectioned opening is left for accessing said pouch;
a substantially airtight sealing system in association with said unsectioned opening;
and
a deformation of said substantially airtight sealing system, said deformation capable of providing a temporary stop during sealing of the sealable bag such that a portion of the unsectioned opening remains temporarily unsealed.
38. (New) The sealable bag of claim 5, wherein said one or more sections of substantially airtight material joined together in a substantially airtight manner comprises opposing substantially rectangular panel sections wherein three sets of sides of the rectangular panel sections are sealed in a substantially airtight manner leaving the fourth set of sides unsealed and defining said unsectioned opening.
39. (New) The sealable bag of claim 5, wherein said blocking structure is a spacer suitable for frictionable attachment, having an obstructing portion, and attached to one or more of said sections of substantially airtight material near said unsectioned opening such that said obstructing portion is placeable in said unsectioned opening.

40. (New) The sealable bag of claim 5, wherein said interlocking tongue and groove system is molded integrally with said sections of substantially airtight material.

41. (New) The sealable bag of claim 5, wherein said interlocking tongue and groove system is affixed parallel to the edges of said fourth unsealed sides in close proximity to said unsectioned opening.

42. (New) The sealable bag of claim 5, wherein said interlocking tongue and groove system is affixed to the edges of said fourth unsealed sides.

43. (New) The sealable bag of claim 5, wherein said blocking structure is suitable for frictionable attachment, having an obstructing portion, and attached at or about the intersection of one of said three sets of sides and said fourth set of sides such that said obstructing portion is placeable in said unsectioned opening.